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CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Community Outreach Committee

September 21, 2005

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 NW 1st Street

10th Floor Conference Room

2 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson

Miles Moss, P.E.

Maureen O'Donnell, Esq.

Marc A. Buoniconti

Hon. James Reeder

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Maria Arista-Volsky

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, OCITT

Janette Perez, City of Miami, CIP

Alvaro Alonso, City of Miami, CIP

Dan Ricker, Watchdog Report

Roger Hernstadt, OCI

Oscar Camejo, MPO

Maria E. Johnson, OCITT

Nestor Toledo, OCITT

Kevin Brown, City of Miami, CIP

Judy Seidner, CMO

Sandra Melean, PWD

Patrice Rosemond, OCITT

John Prats, OCITT

Patty David, OCITT

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Ms. Zilber called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Moss moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 15, 2005

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2005. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Michael DeCossio, MDT, gave an update on the MDT Public Involvement and Promotional Campaign. Mr. DeCossio explained MDT's plan to inform the community of the services it offers. MDT will be conducting outreach in shopping malls and office buildings. The community will be informed of the discounted fares and group travel. Mr. DeCossio reviewed the upcoming distribution of the MDT newsletter and the MDT e-newsletter. MDT will send the newsletter to approximately 4500 residents. The e-newsletter will have more extensive articles and links. MDT will begin its campaign on October 1, 2005, to promote public transportation. Mr. DeCossio introduced several promotional ads to increase ridership.

Mr. Nestor Toledo, OCITT, informed the Committee that:

- The City of Coral Gables celebrated its one millionth passenger on its trolley service. The trolley service averages about 3200 to 3500 passengers per day.
- The City of South Miami is in the process of trying to get its circulator service running again.
- The City of Miami celebrated its completion of The Grand Avenue Project.
- The Village of Palmetto Bay and the City of Miami Springs are looking into getting a circulator service.
- Sunny Isles Beach will be purchasing a fourth bus for its circulator due to its success.

Mr. Toledo stated that the third anniversary of the passage of the PTP is coming up. Mr. Toledo informed the Committee that Ms. Markowitz requested that all the municipalities give a list of the top 10 accomplishments for a report to be issued in time for the third year anniversary. Mr. Toledo advised that for the last year the OCITT has been trying to change the reporting system for the municipalities. The OCITT has been working with the Enterprise Technology Services Department (ETSD), to create the Municipal Reporting Program. Municipalities will be able to enter information directly into city websites.

Mr. Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney, was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the status of Ordinance 02-116 modifications.

Mr. Buoniconti asked where the CITT is on the expanded interlocal agreement. Ms. Markowitz responded that Mr. Libhaber, Ms. Johnson and herself created a draft on the expanded Interlocal Agreement and will soon have a finished product for the municipalities.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Markowitz informed the Committee that the Public Involvement Plan Administrative Order passed at the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting and also at the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meetings with a caveat, that Roger Hernstadt, the Director of the Capital Improvement Plan Office, is taking charge of the Public Involvement Plan for the County. At the request of the Commissioners, Mr. Hernstadt and staff is going out to the community and conducting community meetings to get input on the proposed change in the Public Involvement Plan's Administrative Order. The first community meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2005, at 8 a.m., at the South Dade Government Center.

Mr. Bruce Libhaber is unable to provide the information requested for a legal opinion on item 7B.

Ms. Johnson distributed information detailing a feasibility study on new municipalities. Ms. Johnson explained four different scenarios: (A) In this scenario the total amount paid to all municipalities does not change. The calculation is based on 20% of net Surtax proceeds, defined as Surtax revenues received after Florida Department of Revenue administrative costs (Surtax proceeds). (B) This scenario assumes that new municipalities receive 20% distribution of Surtax dollars after all other obligations are satisfied. In the event that there is a deficit in any fiscal year, the new municipalities would not receive a distribution. (C) This scenario assumes that new municipalities receive disbursements after original municipal distributions, debt service (bonds, Sunshine State Loan), but before other expenses are paid. (D) This scenario assumes that the new municipalities receive a 20% distribution after the original municipalities, but before debt service and other expenses. Mr. Buoniconti recommended using scenario A. He also suggested that the new cities not get any funds until a new half cent tax is passed. Then, the new cities' funds may be retroactive to when they were incorporated. Ms. O'Donnell responded that new cities should be treated the same as the ones that are already incorporated. Mr. Buoniconti asked Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director MDT, when would be the appropriate time to try and pass another half cent tax. Mr. Bradley responded that the half-cent tax would have to be passed prior to 2011, to achieve a positive return by 2016. Ms. Markowitz informed the Committee that the feasibility study was presented to let them know that the OCITT is working on the request of the RTC and an update will be given at the next Project and Financial Review meeting on October 11, 2005.

Ms. Markowitz asked the Committee if they were still interested in being placed on the agenda for ground breakings, speakers' bureau opportunities, and other events in the community. The Committee stated that they are still interested.

Ms. Zilber stated that the language on item 7E regarding the By-laws for establishing a process for Member requests (Article III, CITT Standard Operating Procedures, Section I, J), will be worked on. Mr. Buoniconti suggested that any request for information from any Committee Member should be brought to the Executive Director and not the staff of the OCITT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Community Outreach Review Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Community Outreach Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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